

In the Claims:

Please delete the word "Claims" and insert --What is claimed is:-- therefor.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A container formed of plastics material, the container having: zea recessed base, with side walls along at least three sides of the recess; zea domed lid, the base and the lid being adapted for closure of the container around a joint surface; zea hinge connecting the lid to the base, the hinge being provided at the joint surface and at one side of the container and extending along a straight hinge region spaced out from the intersection of one of the side walls of the recess and the joint surface; the said one side wall having: a portion angled at an acute angle with respect to the joint surface, the said wall portion being generally coplanar with the hinge region, whereby the container can be stood with the wall portion and the hinge on a support surface, with the intersection of the side wall of which it is a portion and joint surface set up from the support surface for collection of fluid from the contents of the container.
2. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base recess is formed with three sides intersecting the joint surface.
3. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bases recess is formed with four sides intersecting the joint surface.
4. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 1, ~~claim 2, or claim 3,~~ wherein the container is an injection moulding.

5. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 1, ~~claim 2 or claim 3~~, wherein the container is a thermoforming.
6. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 5, wherein the joint surface is provided with complementary formations.
7. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 6 ~~as appendant to claim 5~~, wherein the complementary formations ~~will normally be of~~ have a top hat shape.
8. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 4, wherein the hinge is a living hinge.
9. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 5, wherein the hinge is provided by an E section double channel, which ~~provides a determined hinge axis or~~ has at least a straight hinge region.
10. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the container is shorter along the hinge region than in its dimension transverse to the hinge, whereby when stood on the angled portion of the base side wall, the container is generally stood on end, with the joint surface inclined backwards when the hinge is forwards.
11. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 10, wherein the container ~~preferably~~ has a conventional bottom to the base recess, aside from the bottom function of the said angled portion.
12. (currently amended) [[A]] The container as claimed in claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~, wherein the angled portion is parallel to the joint surface 13.

13. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in claim 10 ~~or claim 11~~, wherein the angled portion is arranged to incline the joint surface oppositely to when it is stood on end.

14. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in claim 13, wherein the inclined bottom is substantially at right angles to the said angled portion.

15. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the dome of the lid is symmetrical in the lid.

16. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ claim 1, wherein the doming of the domed lid is biased away from the hinge.

17. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the container is provided with ears in both of the lid and base material webs, ~~although one web only could be used, remote from the hinge.~~

18. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in claim 17, wherein the ears have reinforcing formations.

19. (currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The container as claimed in ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the container is of transparent or at least translucent material.

20. (new) The container as claimed in claim 5, wherein the hinge is provided by an E section double channel, which provides a determined hinge axis.

21. (new) The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the container is provided with ears
where one web is used, remote from the hinge.